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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dave Nicholls, Chairman Pitstone Parish Council

As lockdown restrictions have eased, many events and activities have restarted in the village. For the parish council, the most visible effect has been an increase in the use of the pavilion. As well as our own meetings there, and Youth Cafe, it is once more fully utilised by both the junior and senior football clubs. It is also receiving bookings for Health and Wellbeing classes, training courses and is currently used by the Yardley Surgery to provide flu (and potentially Covid) injections to their patients, one day every week.

Having had the pavilion come to fruition during lockdown and sit idle for so long, it is fantastic to see it being used and enjoyed by so many.

A number of times in the past, I have mentioned the Community Car Scheme, where volunteers drive patients to medical appointments. Limitations of public transport make this a vital service. There is always stress involved in attending appointments, but not knowing whether you will get there on time, or at all, makes it many times worse. We have a group of volunteers who do a fantastic job, but they simply can't cover what is

required. Currently we are only able to satisfy a fraction of the requests. Part of the reason is the push to catch up on appointments that were delayed by lockdown. If people who have waited a long time for their appointment are unable to attend because of transportation issues, they risk missing them.

If you have a car and feel you might have some time to spare, please consider volunteering. Any time you can give is valuable, even if you can only manage a trip every now and again. Once signed up you will receive texts when bookings come in. If you can take a booking you simply reply "Yes" and you'll receive the details. If you can't take a booking you don't need to reply and you will never be contacted to try to persuade you to step in. To find out more or to volunteer please contact Stephen on 01296 767116. or email

### communitytransport@pitstone.co.uk

I have greatly enjoyed being able to attend meetings and events again. I look forward to seeing some of you at council meetings and at village events in the run up to Christmas.



# PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

### Youth Café

Youth café will be back on Wednesday 8 September. Unless there is another change in government guidelines, we will be reverting to one session from 6.30-8.00pm each Wednesday during term time, still at Pitstone Pavilion. £2 per child. No need to book. Just come along if you are free. We look forward to seeing everyone again.

We are also seeking new volunteers to supervise the young people as some of our long-standing team members have had to step down this term. If you have time to join our friendly team, please do get in touch, so that we can continue to offer these vital youth services (please phone 01296 767261 or email parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk)

### **Pitstone Pavilion**

We have been pleased to be able to host a number of bikeability sessions and some ad-hoc meetings as well as all the regular activities. We are also pleased that we have been able to help the community and host the vaccination clinics being run by the Village Health Centre each Wednesday (please contact

the Pitstone surgery direct). We have some weekday, daytime availability at the moment, so if you run a pilates / yoga / craft etc class and would like to expand into a new venue, please do contact parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

Skate park

Following consultation events via the youth café and at the site, some revisions have been made to the proposed design and the latest details have been published for you all to see. The design has now been submitted to RoSPA for its pre-installation inspection, and subject to a satisfactory report, Bendcrete hope to commence construction work this autumn.

## Multi Use Games Area and replacement car park

Discussions are ongoing with Nicholas King Homes and Buckinghamshire Council regarding these facilities.

Other play area / open space updates
Final remedial works have now been
undertaken in the recreation ground
playground by Huck Teck following the
heavy wear experienced by the ground
since installation late last year, and work

continues to explore replacement thermoplastic graphics for the Windsor Road play area as Buckinghamshire Council are not replacing the existing decals. Buckinghamshire Council have also advised that they are arranging for the removal of the post and rail fence by the Windsor Road seating area. Ivinghoe & Pitstone United Cricket Club now have sufficient grant funding to install a new set of double cricket nets on the recreation ground, so you will see work commence on this project shortly.

### Play around the Parishes

We were delighted that the Play around the Parishes sessions were able to go ahead this year and funded two sessions on the recreation ground during August. Both were well attended and the free fun and games were enjoyed by many local children and families.

### **Pistone Allotments**

Tenancies are currently in the process of being renewed / offered for the forthcoming season. The parish council tenancy fee remains static this year and Pitstone Allotment Association have reduced their subscription rate by 50p. There is currently a waiting list in operation, so if you are interested in joining the list, please email <a href="mailto:pitstoneallotmentassociation@gmail.com">pitstoneallotmentassociation@gmail.com</a> and provide your name, address and contact details.

### Summer Photography Competition By the time this edition of PPP is distributed, the closing date will have passed for our children's photography competition. We hope you all had fun, taking photographs of the things you

love most about living in Pitstone. Look out for more news and updates via our social media channels shortly.

### **Vacancies**

The number of seats on the parish council increased from 10 to 11 in May reflecting the expanding population, and we still have one vacancy, so if you are passionate about our community and have approx. 3 hours per week that you can volunteer (members are all voluntary and receive no payment) please do get in touch with the clerk on 01296 767261 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

We also continue to seek both a Facilities Manager and Cleaner for the pavilion. We need someone who will take a pride in our new community facilities, love and nurture them, and take a pride in their smooth operation so that everyone in the village can enjoy and benefit from our wonderful new facilities. If this sounds like you, please contact the parish clerk on 01296 767261 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

### **Voluntary PPP Editor Required**

This quarterly magazine is pulled together by our volunteer Editor who coordinates all the adverts, editorials and news articles, undertakes all the artwork and sends the document off to the printers. Sue Nicholls has sadly decided to step down, so we are on the look-out for a new Editor. This is a voluntary role. Technical skills required – MS Publisher & Word, Adobe Photoshop for photo editing & email. Personal skills required – organised, literate, reliable, methodical, careful and happy to work as part of the team. If you are the person

with the drive to love & nurture PPP, please contact the parish clerk on 01296 767261 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

Asset of Community Value – Land to the South Side of The Crescent – Bid Success The Parish Council is delighted that our Community Right to Bid application to Buckinghamshire Council to re-list the land to the south side of The Crescent as an Asset of Community Value has been successful, and the parcel of land has been re-entered onto the register (listings expire after 5 years).

Buckinghamshire Council stated "The Council considers that this asset furthers the social wellbeing of the local community. The land is maintained by the local community and examples of regular community use include; use of part of the land for allotments, hosting community events and general recreational activities by local residents."

### Audit for 2020-21 Financial Year

As you know, parish council finances undergo three levels of audit each year. Two have been completed and the final layer of audit is an external audit undertaken by PKF Littejohn who are appointed to the parish council. They have to respond before 30 September in order for the parish council to meet their legal obligations surrounding publication of the result, but have not done so at the time of going to press. We will publish details via our website & media channels as soon as they are available.

Update on local matters within the control of Buckinghamshire Council

Westfield Road / Castlemead

Taylor Wimpey were due to carry out the Westfield Road speed mitigation work in August but at the point of writing this remains outstanding.

Buckinghamshire Council hope to adopt Westfield Road and the Castlemead roads before the end of 2021 if all the remedial works have been completed to the necessary standard.

### Right of Way updates

Buckinghamshire Council Rights of Way (RoW) department have now completed (and funded) works to resurface the Chequers Lane end of Footpath 2 which runs from Chequers Lane across to Rushendon Furlong to improve accessibility, especially during the wet winter months.

The Rights of Way team have also installed (and funded) some steps in the verge at the entrance to the footpath which runs from Vicarage Road up to St Mary's Church in Church Road, and cleared back the vegetation, to improve access and visibility.

Our thanks to the RoW team for both these improvements.

### Highways/paths updates

Our thanks to Buckinghamshire Council / Transport for Bucks for the installation of a bollard to prevent parking on the path at the far end of Glebe Close.

Several highways and path issues remain on the Buckinghamshire Council remedial list (including the resurfacing of Glebe Close) and will be actioned once budget & scheduling permit. The latest estimate provided by Buckinghamshire Council is 2022. Any resident can report a defect with the highway (eg

pothole) or footpath to Buckinghamshire Council via their website <a href="https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-highways-problem/">https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-highways-problem/</a> or via the Fix My Street website.

Bellway have commenced footpath improvements along Vicarage Road, stretching from their development down to the bus stop on Marsworth Road.

Buckinghamshire Council are undertaking a final phase of design work relating to safety scheme improvements by Brookmead School and should then be able to provide an update on likely installation timescales.

At the time of writing,
Buckinghamshire Council's freight
strategy consultation has concluded,
along with the consultation about
parking restrictions near the quarry.
They are yet to issue confirmation of the
outcomes.

**Pitstone Development Area planning** application from Nicholas King Homes for residential properties on the sites for which outline planning permission had originally been obtained for a nursery and pub/restaurant Both the parish council, and numerous residents, have submitted objections to the above planning application consultation being carried out by Buckinghamshire Council who are our local planning authority. Details are available on the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Portal. The Parish Council, supported by our local Buckinghamshire Councillors, have also requested that should Buckinghamshire Council be minded to approve this application, that it gets 'called in' for full committee review instead, which will provide a further opportunity to address the BC Planning Committee Members.

### Could you artwork & edit this magazine?

We are looking for a local volunteer with an eye for detail and layout and the ability to create an eye catching cover, to pull together our quarterly magazine, the Pitstone Parish Post.

for full details Visit:

https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcnews/could-you-artwork-editpitstone-parish-post/ or phone Sue Nicholls on 01296 661910 email pppeditor@pitstone.co.uk

# Are you the person we are looking for to take a pride in and care for our lovely new community building?



We have two vacancies at Pitstone Pavilion:

A Facilities Manager / Caretaker

A Cleaner

Please visit: https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcnews/pavilionvacancies for full details

Or phone Pitstone Parish Council on 01296 767261 or email parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

### OTHER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Join our volunteer team at the youth cafe 6.30-8pm on a Wednesday

Matters relating to the youth cafe should be directed to Dave Rollins, Cafe Manager, on youth.cafe@me.com / 07977 926596 or the parish clerk on parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

# Are you passionate about our village? Why not join Pitstone Parish Council?

If you have plenty of spare time to **volunteer**: an average of 3 hours per week, and have a heartfelt interest in the wellbeing of the village we live in, please contact the parish council for a full information pack. parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk





# COUNTY NEWS Peter Brazier, Chris Poll and Derek Town County Councillors

for Ivinghoe Ward

### **Business Support Grants**

The mandatory Covid grant schemes that were operating during 2020/21 have now closed.

Since the start of the pandemic, between all the various business grant schemes, Buckinghamshire Council has distributed over £166m to support businesses in Buckinghamshire. One of the schemes delivered was the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG), a discretionary pot of funding allocated to the Council. In total, Buckinghamshire received £21m for the ARG and used it to support businesses for five of the winter/spring lockdown months. Buckinghamshire's ARG scheme was designed to support as many businesses as quickly as possible, in particular businesses which were not able to access support from other grant schemes. The Council was a top performing council in terms of % of funding distributed as per the latest national B.E.I.S. reporting statistics. Over the monthly rounds of funding, the ARG provided grants to 4544 businesses and self-employed individuals which supported over 16,000 employees in Buckinghamshire.

### HS2 & East West Rail (EWR)

With the intensity of activity by HS2 Ltd increasing, the Council continues to emphasise its continued opposition to the project and, now construction has started, to try and hold HS2 to account. The Council is currently in an appeals process with HS2 Ltd on a number of lorry route approvals impacting the A413 and the A422. The Council did not determine these applications as it was considered that we had not received sufficient information and reassurances regarding the cumulative impacts of the lorry movements on the Council's highway network. There has been a number of complaints in relation to dust / vibration and noise, EWR are investing in a new product to help minimise the dust issue and this should be rolled out over the next few weeks. as they are awaiting delivery. Coordination activities are continuing between HS2 and EWR, which are being led by BC Officers. There continues to be ongoing concern regarding the damage being caused to the highway by EWR in the north of the county, meetings are underway to further discuss a programme of repairs

and how best to share inspections between BC and EWR. Some repair works have already taken place. The Council are currently seeking funding for road repairs from both HS2 and EWR.

# Ivinghoe and Wing Community Board

Like all 16 Buckinghamshire Community Boards, I & W CB has spent a busy I2 months establishing itself at the heart of the local community.

For the coming year I & W
Community Board will have action
groups focusing on the following areas:

Economic recovery
Health & wellbeing (including community safety)

Improving the environment Road safety, highways and infrastructure

At the recent CB meeting the respective Action Groups/Sub Committees were established and Chair persons nominated.

# Council demands that 'The Buckinghamshire Line' be built!

At last week's full Council meeting, councillors unanimously agreed to continue pressing the Government to commit to building the Spur line of East-West Rail between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes and the associated work to dual the track between Princes Risborough and Aylesbury. However, BC remain concerned that this recent funding announcement did not commit to the completion of the proposed spur between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes. This spur was originally conceived as a key part of this project. The track is there, the need is there, but we now need the Government to put in the

investment to get the trains running.

Another success in

Buckinghamshire's battle against fly
-tipping

Fly-tipper prosecuted for dumping waste at National Trust beauty spot. A man has been prosecuted for three repeat offences of fly-tipping at a local area of natural beauty in Buckinghamshire. On Wednesday 21 July, 22-year-old Alex Carl Clewett of Worthington Road, Dunstable was sentenced at High Wycombe Magistrates Court after pleading guilty to the three offences that occurred on the National Trust land at Ashridge. Dockey Wood is a stretch of forest within the 2,000-hectare Ashridge Estate, owned by the National Trust. The woodland which is designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty, is a popular destination all year round but is perhaps most famous for its spectacular carpet of bluebells that emerges every spring and draws visitors from miles around.

Towards the end of 2019 the car park at Dockey Wood began to be blighted by a series of fly-tipping offences. Officers from Buckinghamshire Council's Enforcement Team, who investigated the incidents, were able to examine the waste dumped and trace the offences back to Clewett. Addresses found in the waste indicated that Clewett had been paid by a builder to take bathroom waste from a job in Feltham. Further evidence gave details of a garage clearance in St Albans where Clewett had been paid to dispose of the items. In addition to examining the evidence left by Clewett, the enforcement team set up surveillance

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cameras in the car park overnight on the 4 February 2020. A truck insured to Clewett was captured on camera dumping waste again.

In interview, Clewett initially denied the offence but pleaded guilty when confronted with the evidence compiled by the enforcement team. In sentencing the judge ordered Clewett to pay the full £888 clearance costs to the National Trust and a further £500 in costs to Buckinghamshire Council. Clewett was also sentenced to three consecutive 28-day prison terms, suspended for 18 months, and ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work.

# Council wins award for its Zero Waste Map

Buckinghamshire Council has won 'Best Local Authority Recycling Initiative' for its innovative Zero Waste Map. The Council overcame some tough competition at the Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management ceremony on 21 July to take the top prize in their category.

The Zero Waste Map – which has already been viewed by more than 29,000 people since its launch in September 2020 – is an interactive online map that lists over 200 local shops, businesses, projects and public recycling and repair drop-off locations across Buckinghamshire. With so many different types of products and services aimed at living a zero-waste lifestyle, it can get confusing. This is where the Zero Waste Map helps out, as it's the first tool that puts all these products and services into one place.

The map enables residents to easily search for a specific service or business,

but more importantly, it shows all the fantastic options already out there, whether users are looking for them or not. This promotes zero-waste living, makes it accessible and supports local projects, community groups and businesses too.

### Council approves an extra £3 million for county's roads

Councillors in Buckinghamshire have agreed an extra £3 million investment to improve the county's roads, in addition to the £24 million already allocated to highways improvements. The extra £3 million is being set aside specifically so an extra £2.5 million can be spent repairing potholes with another half a million pounds to upgrade road markings.

The extra spending commitment recognises how big a priority it is for the council to maintain and improve the county's road network and will be funded using uncommitted earmarked reserves. The potholes will be repaired using the so-called 'Plane and Patch' technique - a resurfacing treatment used to repair patches of badly worn road that complements the larger scale roadsurfacing programme. Plane and Patch helps prevent roads from falling into a condition where they would then require more expensive structural work. The additional £3 million investment means that overall, £27 million will be spent on roads and footways in 2021/22 and £100 million in total over the next four years.

# Council starts £4m drains and gullies work programme

Buckinghamshire Council has begun an ambitious programme of clearing gullies and drains across the county.

The drainage improvement works are

designed to help prevent flooding and to keep drains and gullies across Bucks clean, clear and operational. The Council has set aside an extra £4 million to fund the works, as part of a wider improvement programme for residents.

### Buckinghamshire Council Leader Martin Tett reacts to Prime Minister's County Deals announcement

Buckinghamshire, as a unitary council, with the same geography as our Local Enterprise Partnership, our main business organisation, our local NHS and our key skills providers is brilliantly placed to pioneer a County Deal, bringing together the ambitions of different government departments to deliver here in Bucks. We also stand ready to work with others to ensure that all parts of the UK succeed from this approach

# New electric vehicle charging points installed in Aylesbury town centre

Electric vehicle (EV) drivers can now take advantage of four new EV charging points in Aylesbury town centre's Waterside North Car Park.

Eight EV charging bays are located in front of the new BP Pulse charging points, enabling up to eight EVs to be simultaneously charged. Each charging point delivers 7kWh, which is enough electricity to provide most EVs with around 25 miles of range for every hour they are plugged into one of the charging points.

## Tackling the long grass and protecting wildlife

Grass verges across Buckinghamshire

have seen a growth spurt in recent weeks because of the weather conditions this spring, in particular the very wet May followed by a hot June which created perfect growing conditions.

Maintaining our rural verges is a priority for Buckinghamshire Council, especially at road junctions where long grass might impact visibility. BC are very conscious of this year's sudden growth and want to reassure people that our planned cutting programme is ahead of time this year.

BC cut the grass between April and October and the programme is carefully timed as doing it too early would mean too much growth at the end of the summer meaning the grass would stay long over winter.

# Recycling centres join the fight against zombie batteries

Household recycling centres across Buckinghamshire are taking part in the national Take Charge campaign which urges consumers to join the fight against 'zombie' batteries by only recycling dead batteries using specialist battery recycling services and keeping them out of the general rubbish or recycling.

Because zombie batteries, like the zombies in horror films, have the power to rise from the grave... and to cause destruction in waste management and recycling facilities. That's why they need to be recycled properly.

Although all batteries should be recycled properly, powerful lithium-ion batteries are the most dangerous type if they are thrown into the general rubbish or ordinary recycling. These batteries

are often found in products like laptops, tablets, mobile phones, radio-controlled toys, Bluetooth devices, shavers, electric toothbrushes, power tools, scooters and even e-cigarettes. Although they're safe to use normally, once dead, these zombie batteries have the power to cause fires or even explode if crushed or damaged during the waste treatment process.

The team at FCC Environment who manage the nine recycling centres on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council have recently had to deal with two such incidents:

A fire in the electrical bin at Beaconsfield Recycling Centre A fire in the paper bin at Aylesbury

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Recycling Centre

It is thought that the cause of both fires was incorrect battery disposal. Thankfully, due to the prompt action taken by staff on each occasion, no one was hurt and little damage was done. Members of the public were evacuated and both recycling centres had to close while the Fire Brigade attended to extinguish the flames.

The Council's kerbside collection crews have also dealt with similar incidents recently with fires in the back of the collection vehicles, and the waste transfer station at High Heavens in Wycombe — where rubbish is collected for onward transfer to the Greatmoor

Energy from Waste plant — suffered a severe battery-related blaze that caused considerable damage.

To remind household recycling centre visitors of this danger, Take Charge campaign banners and posters are now on display at all nine centres to highlight the importance of removing batteries from these items before recycling them. Additional battery recycling bins have been installed near to the electrical items bins to make it even easier to recycle your batteries correctly.

Recent data shows that, between April 2019 and March 2020, lithiumion batteries alone were thought to be responsible for more than 250 fires at waste facilities – or well over a third (38%) of all such fires

Encouraging residents to grow it, cook it, eat it

Buckinghamshire Council is proud to be supporting a community growing initiative called 'Grow It, Cook It, Eat It' to help members of the community who are struggling to put fresh and nutritious food on their table.

'Grow It, Cook It, Eat It' is what it says on the tin. It's a community-led growing and cooking project. Working collaboratively with a range of stakeholders including Community Boards, Residents Associations, Bucks Food Partnership, wider Buckinghamshire Council teams (including, communities, libraries, leisure) and local community engagement, four 'growing sites' were identified.

Local residents are encouraged to visit their local growing site and learn how to grow, maintain and harvest the

crops. They can then use the fresh produce they have helped to grow to provide healthy meals for themselves and their family. Any surplus produce is donated to local food banks and community fridges across Buckinghamshire.

The growing sites have been up and running since May 2021, and are based at Desborough Road Allotments and Micklefield Library in High Wycombe, Vineyard Food Bank in Aylesbury and Waterside Academy School in Chesham. The team is already looking to expand further and are exploring sites in the Buckingham and Iver area.

Each site has its own dedicated expert gardener who is on-hand to offer help and guidance to anyone who doesn't know their cucumbers from their courgettes and can offer a wealth

of advice on how to get started. In addition to this, 'bite size' training opportunities are available to all residents so that everyone can access information and advice so that they can grow their own food at an allotment, in their own garden or in a window box.

One-hour online sessions are being delivered in collaboration with Bucks Adult Learning. The sessions cover growing topics such as weed and pest control through to seed saving and getting the most out of your growing site. Additionally, Aylesbury Garden Town have supported the development of marketing materials, creating a uniform approach across all sites.







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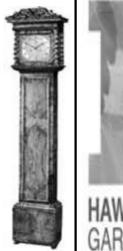
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Masks and 2m seems to be a thing of the past

But we may have to accept that in part of our lives, these may just have to last.

Hugging my family, meeting for coffee & enjoying meals out togetherl've waited so long for this- May it truly last forever.
Hugs from my grandkids- the best medicine l've had.
To have a little bit of normality again- surely that can't be bad?!

Watching the village come to life again- what a joy.
Covid- you can go now, our spirit you will not destroy.
School kids racing to school with hopes for a full learning year..
Any more time off would be just too hard to bear.
It's business as usual thanks to the vaccine roll out..
Like it or not, it's just something we can no longer do without.
Resilience and positive thoughts describe the past year well
A recovering economy and buoyant community spirit....
these are things on which we must dwell.

Political talks of lockdown are occurring again. I'm in my eighties now, from stressing too much I will definitely refrain.

'What will be will be' is my motto for now; I will focus on the moment, cherish my family, love my village life to this I pledge my vow.



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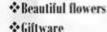


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All calls will be dealt with confidentially and we will arrange for a box of food to be left on the doorstep

If you would like to donate food, please leave it in the porch behind the war memorial.

Thank you!



### <u> Ivinghoe Handbell Ringers</u>

Alex Wynne



There is a set of hand bells belonging to St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe and there has been an evolving group of hand bell ringers in the village since the 1950s. At present we cannot meet but are hoping to restart soon. Until March 2020 we had two groups who met on either Monday afternoon 2-4pm or evening 7.30-9.30pm. We play for various events and organisations in

the villages or in local care homes.

However we have to wait until 6 people can meet together indoors to start practising. If you would like to join the group when it restarts, you need a good sense of rhythm but do not need to be able to read music. We are a friendly group and it is a lot of fun. Ring 01296 668 336

### THAMES VALLEY ALERTS

A message from Megan Dean PCSO

Thames Valley Alerts is a system where <a href="https://thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/">https://thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/</a> we can send an email to specific communities and areas if there has been an incident or crime in that location. This not only enables people to be extra vigilant but it also keeps them informed of what is going on in their area.

Follow this link to sign up to receive alerts:

Due to COVID, its harder for PCSOs to reach communities in ways we used to (Have Your Say events etc) but we would like to communicate as much as we can, to reassure people and keep them informed of relevant information.



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### **Beacon Community Choir**

John Cameron, President

# Dramatic Celebration of Church's 800 Years

A special performance in words and music will take place in St Mary the Virgin, Ivinghoe, to mark the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the the 13<sup>th</sup> Century church (advert opposite).

The village name was spelt 'Yvingho' at the time, and 'Yvyngo Tales', created by local writer Dave Sivers, and set to music by Judith Sheridan, is a re-imagining of the building of the church in 1220 and the events leading to the dramatic fire of 1234.

Yvingho Tales takes its inspiration from The Canterbury Tales - a series of monologues in which each character presents arguments for their actions. The work, which will be performed by Beacon Community Choir, Beacon Chamber Ensemble and The Slapton Players, and conducted by Judith Sheridan, brings to life the lives, hopes and fears of the villagers as their world is changed forever, and incorporates folk tunes collected from the area.

Dave Sivers said, "researching some of the local history at the time has been fascinating. There is just enough information to pick out the main characters and key events, but plenty of room to weave it into narrative that has it all: greed, betrayal, death and destruction, triumph and tragedy."

Judith Sheridan added, "From the outset I wanted the music to be accessible, easy to perform and easy to listen to. I have woven traditional folk melodies associated with the locality into the score, thus grounding the music firmly in the vicinity.

At times, lively, at others, sorrowful, the music reflects the changing attitudes, moods and emotions of the villagers, leading up to a jubilant, joyous finale."

Performances are on Saturday 27 November at 7pm and Sunday 28 November at 4pm.

For further information and tickets, email lhewlett@btinternet.com, call 07986 009157, or visit the website at www.beaconcommunitychoir.co.uk.

# Beacon Community Choir Vyingho Tales

# Yvingho Tales

The building of St Mary the Virgin in 1220 and the events leading to the dramatic fire of 1234 are reimagined by local author Dave Sivers and set to music by Judith Sheridan. Written specially to commemorate St Mary's 800th anniversary, and incorporating folk tunes collected from the area, Yvingho Tales reflects on the lives, hopes and fears of the villagers as their world is changed forever.

# Beacon Chamber Ensemble The Slapton Players conductor Judith Sheridan

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# IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE CRICKET CLUB

Will Ottaway

As the nights are drawing in and the weather is slowly getting colder and wetter, it can only mean that another cricket season has come to a close. Yet, with the international game always going on and offering events like the Ashes and T20 World Cup this winter, that attention for cricket isn't far away!

However, back to Ivinghoe and Pitstone Cricket Club! We have experienced the highs and the lows that every season has to offer. Our Ist XI have had a really successful season and came 2nd in their league, meaning that they have achieved promotion in the team's first year in the Mid-Bucks Cricket League! The team's performance was very strong and this was proven by only having lost 3 matches throughout the whole season as well has having really strong performances against other teams.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, they have found the season more difficult and the table gives a very difficult impression of the progression that the team has made throughout the season. All of the fixtures have been very close on field, and next season should be very interesting for this team! Our Sunday Friendly XI have experienced different teams in the local area which has challenged them while giving everyone an opportunity to show and enhance their skills in a less pressured environment.

During the close-season, changes are happening to make season 2022 really encouraging. Our new all-weather nets will be installed, while the club is pushing forward with setting up a youth section, which will start next summer following the positive uptake from the Dynamos and All-Stars.

At IPCC, we are a very welcoming and open club to all players who have expressed an interest in playing cricket for the village. If you are interested in playing, coaching or helping with the admin, please contact David Frankum on <a href="mailto:david.frankum@ntlworld.com">david.frankum@ntlworld.com</a> or follow us on Facebook.



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nooks and crannies form homes that younger trees can't provide for rare insects. Ashridge is recognised as an internationally significant site in this regard.

Managing this resource to ensure a continuous supply of decaying wood for such insects is complex. The Ashridge team commissioned an Ancient and Veteran Tree Management Plan, and a grant has recently been secured to carry out the first tranche of works that have been prescribed on 150 of the most critically important trees. This will involve specialist tree surgeons removing the tops of some of the branches to reduce their weight. Even just a small reduction at the top of the tree can have a large effect on the 'lever action' of the branches and reduce the likelihood of catastrophic collapse.



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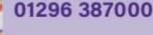
Beeches and oaks decay differently, and it is the beech trees that are most at risk of collapse, so these are amongst the highest priority trees. Ancient oaks tend to suffer more from being heavily shaded. Some of

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### Book Love Returns to Ivinghoe Dave Sivers

A less than perfect day over Ivinghoe Lawn. Book lovers gathered for half a day. Authors talking about and signing their books. After a two-year absence, BeaconLit returned to Buckinghamshire with echoes of the very first festival, back in 2013 - two panels in a marquee on that very lawn.

From those small beginnings, BeaconLit grew into a well-respected, enthusiastically supported festival, with a reputation for combining friendly village event charm with organisational excellence, and attracting an eclectic range of great literary names. Then Festival 2020

was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic and, for a while, it had seemed 2021 was destined to go the same way. The organisers had even gone so far as to cancel it. But then, with a slight upturn in the outlook, and a relaxing of restrictions, with more on the way, we decided it was time for a return, albeit on a modest



Adina Campbell and Sophie Ward

Headline picture: Dave Sivers with Cara Hunter

scale. So, on 10 July 2021 - keeping to the original date - a mini-festival went ahead with just two authors: bestselling crime novelist Cara Hunter, and writer and actor Sophie Ward, whose debut novel was longlisted for the 2020 Booker Prize.

The scale of the festival wasn't the only change: masks and social distancing; Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub hosted, after six years at Brookmead School: a new book seller in My Book Shop, Tring; and simultaneous live streaming of the event, making a small, but perfectly formed festival more widely accessible. BeaconLit favourites. BBC correspondent Adina Campbell, and crime author and Festival co-founder Dave Sivers, did the interviewing honours and the audience enjoyed the events and enthusiastically

bought books and got them signed. Feedback has been good, and the festival committee is already looking at how best to use necessity's 2021 reinvention as a springboard for Festival 2022, which they hope will take place in more normal times.

You can keep up with all the festival news via the website at beaconlit.co.uk.





# WE NEED YOU. HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

We currently have vacancies within our Group for uniformed positions.

We are looking for Assistant Beaver Leaders for both our Monday and Tuesday evening colonies that meet between 6 to 7 pm. You will be working alongside the current Leadership team. Beavers are aged 6 to 8 years.

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# YOUR NEW FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE WEBSITE

Buckinghamshire's Family Information Service has a brand-new website and directory making it even easier for families, parents to be, children and young people to find local support, activities and childcare.

The new website not only has a new look and feel but lots of the latest information from the team and experts within the council.

Head over to <a href="https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/">https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/</a> to take a look and find: support available to help with issues affecting your family what's on at family centres

things to do and holiday activities support and inclusive activities if your child has SEND children and early years providers

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Follow 'BucksFamilyInfo' on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram for the latest news affecting families and young people, local things to do and helpful reminders for all sorts of parent tasks like applying for childcare and school places.



### 2021 Christmas Post Update

Ist Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts are sad to announce that there will be no

Christmas Post this year.

We would like to thank all of you who have used our Christmas post service in the past and all the local retailers who have supported us.

Hopefully we will be back up and delivering for Christmas 2022.



## **New Guide Leader**

Ist Ivinghoe & Pitstone Guides is looking for a new volunteer for unit meetings.

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Inspire girls in Bucks today. Volunteer at girlguiding.org.uk or contact Rebecca Capron at 07545347787



Boost provides support, motivation, encouragement and advice to parents as they take steps towards creating a more stable and positive environment in which their children can thrive. Our Boost Family Mentors help families to achieve the parenting goals they have identified through an initial assessment with a Family and Volunteer Supervisor.

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# If you can answer 'yes' to these questions, then we would love to hear from you!

Typical areas in which parents need support to achieve their goals are:

- Developing family routines, e.g., bedtime, morning, mealtimes.
- · Setting boundaries around behaviour and effectively maintaining those boundaries.
- Developing a support network, contacting local baby/toddler groups or joining parenting classes.
- · Developing the parents own self esteem.

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- Our volunteer recruitment team will arrange to speak with you over the phone and answer any questions you may have.
- · We will apply for an enhanced DBS check for you.
- You provide two character references.
- You will complete 6-8 hours of online training over a 2-3-week period.

Then you let us know your availability and we will match you with a family for 4-6 months, where you will provide weekly sessions with a commitment of time of 2-3 hours per week.

We will ask that you record brief notes following any interactions with your family, this can be done from your smart phone using the Huddle app.

You have access to Connection Support's Volunteer Handbook.

#### Further training

 Throughout the year, you will be invited along to various information and training workshops.

Our Family and Volunteer supervisors will always be on hand to support you as you become part of our volunteering family, where you will be making a real difference to the lives of parents and children in our communities.

### Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to be a parent myself to be a volunteer?

No, you do not need to have your own children to be a Boost family mentor. However, you have some understanding of the way children behave and communicate. Maybe you are an Aunt or an Uncle, have worked in a school or nursery, or have done a different volunteering role where you worked with children or families?

Do I need any previous training or qualifications?

No previous training or qualifications are necessary for this role.

What parenting styles do Boost encourage?

Boost encourage families to adopt an authoritative parenting style. This is where parents use a warm and nurturing approach, in conjunction with putting clear expectations and boundaries in place.

Due to space limitations PPP cannot display all of the information received from Boost. For further information visit volunteers@connectionsupport.org.uk or phone 07799 118080





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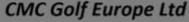
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Contact: Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EX,

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Windmill Pre-school: (children aged 2 - 5 from Pitstone, Ivinghoe and surrounding areas): One of the top pre-schools nationally and highest rated locally. Purpose built premises behind Brookmead School, open 5 full days per week. Mornings 9am - 12pm, Afternoons 12pm - 3 pm (Includes Lunch Club), Lunch Club 12 - 1pm (subject to availability) Contact: admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk, 01296 661031 (during sessions)

Pitstone and Ivinghoe Junior Girls Football: Under 12s and Under 14s (school years 6, 7, 8 & 9) If you are interested in playing football, having fun and making new friends, get in touch, no experience needed. All our coaches are FA Level I qualified. Email: <a href="mailto:chairman@pandifootball.net">chairman@pandifootball.net</a> <a href="mailto:www.pandifootball.net">www.pandifootball.net</a>. U16 see advert in mag.

**Cheddington Bowls Club:** The Recreation Ground, High St. LU7 9AA one of the best bowling greens in the area. Tuesdays at 2pm or Friday at 6 pm, May to Sept. www. cheddingtonbowls.org.uk Contact: Jo Tchertoff 01296 668624

### **RELIGION**

**SPORT** 

### Ivinghoe and Pitstone Chapel Fellowship:

Sunday Services on third Sunday of each month, 12 Church Rd, 10:30. Family film on first Thursday of each month, Millennium Room of Memorial Hall, 2pm. Over 60s Club on third Thursday of each month, Yardley Centre, 2-4pm, join us for varied programmes of speakers, quizzes and entertainment.

Contact: 01296 668005

**First Thursday Friends:** Family film on 1st Thursday of each month, 2 - approx. 4:15pm Millennium Room Pitstone Memorial Hall Contact: Margaret Cole 01296 668005

**Churches Conservation Trust (St Mary's Pitstone**) visitchurches.org.uk or phone Jean Boothe 01296 661745

St Mary's Ivinghoe: Contact: Sandra Green (Lay Minister) 01296 668648

**Tring and Berkhamsted SGI Buddhists:** A lay humanist organisation. The SGI is a global movement of people connected by Buddhism and the shared commitment to realise a future where life's inherent dignity blooms.

Contact: Sue Nicholls 07788 662349 or check out https://sgi-uk.org/

### **HEALTH**

**Village Health Centre:** Yardley Avenue, Pitstone. LU7 9BE Opening hours 9am - 12pm and 2pm - 6pm except Wednesdays 8 - 12pm and closed pm and Fridays, 9am - 12pm and 2 - 5pm

Contact: www.pitstonesurgery.co.uk and 01525 223211

**Little Rothschild Surgery:** 71 Marsworth Road, Pitstone LU7 9AX Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - Ipm and 2 - 4:30pm Friday 8am - Ipm closed in the

afternoon Contact: www.rothschildhousesurgery.co.uk, 01296 662800

**Nifty Fifties Plus**: Keep fit for older folk followed by optional gentle sport. Not for profit. Cheddington Village Hall. Thursdays 10 - midday. Contact: Chris Hall, 01442 824350

### **PLACES TO VISIT**

Ford End Watermill: The only working watermill to survive intact, in the county. Restored and run by Ford End Watermill Society. Open Easter and bank holidays. Adults £3, children £1. For further details go to www.fordendwatermill.co.uk Contact millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk or tel. 01442 825421

**Ashridge House:** Set in 190 acres of gardens, Ashridge House is majestically nestled in National Trust woodland in the rolling Chiltern Hills in Hertfordshire. Tours available. Find out more at http://www.ashridgehouse.org.uk/about-ashridge-house/

### **USEFUL NUMBERS**

**Report a Right of Way Issue:** https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/

Street light problems: Castlemead lights – email: <a href="mailto:CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com">CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com</a>

Marsworth Road lights – Bucks County Council online: <a href="http://">http://</a>

www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-street-lighting.aspx

Other Pitstone lights - email: parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

Report a pot hole, blocked drain or other highway problem: Bucks County

Council online: <a href="http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-it-pothole.aspx">http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-it-pothole.aspx</a>

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Missed bin collection or to find out about recycling: Aylesbury Vale District

Council online: https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/recycling-and-waste

**Dispute with your neighbours about their high hedge:** Aylesbury Vale District Council offer more information and a complaint service. For more information go to: <a href="https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/high-hedges">https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/high-hedges</a>

Other nuisances causing problems e.g. smoke, air pollution etc: Visit Aylesbury Vale District Council website: <a href="https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/">https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/environmental-problems</a>

Bothered by aircraft noise: Email Luton Airport noise@ltn.aero

Need details of a planning application: Details of all local applications are

published online by Aylesbury Vale District Council: https://

www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications Want to know if you need planning permission? Visit: https://www.planningportal.co.uk/

Illegally parked: Report problem vehicles to Thames Valley Police on telephone: 101

Faulty electronic bus stop signs: passtrans@buckscc.gov.uk

### PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

#### Chairman, Cllr Dave Nicholls



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### Parish Councillor vacancy. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk

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Pitstone is served by 3 Buckinghamshire Councillors - Derek Town (derek.town@buckinghamshire.gov.uk), Chris Poll (chris.poll@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) & Peter Brazier (peter.brazier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

If you wish to view the plans for any planning application currently under consultation by Buckinghamshire Council, please visit https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications